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Our Case No. 9623/179

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

Phillip G. Rorex, et al.)

Serial No.: 09/575,894)

Filing Date: May 22, 2000)

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
IDENTIFYING RELATED)
SEARCHES IN A DATABASE)
SEARCH SYSTEM)

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

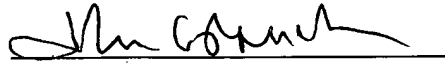
Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.99, Applicants hereby submit references A1-A34 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). Further, Applicants reserve the right to contest these references as prior art against the present application, and Applicants do not believe that the disclosure of these references, even if finally determined to be prior

art, anticipates Applicants' invention or that these references make Applicants' invention obvious.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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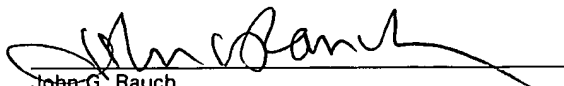
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Total		Minus			x \$9 =		x \$18 =	
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